Address presented to

William Lloyd Garrison at Edinburgh,

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Address presented to
William Lloyd Garrison
by Mr. David Dr. Lewis on behalf
of the Edinburgh Ladies' Emanci-
-pation & the Citizens of Edinburgh
at the Tea-meeting held in the
New Hall, St. Andrews Sq. July 12. 1867.

Dear & Honoured Sir,

The Ladies'
Emancipation Society & the Citizens of
Edinburgh, tender to you, on the occasion
of your visit to this City, their cordial
salutations & bid you welcome. They
greet you in the name of Him who
"hath made of one blood all nations of
men for to dwell on all the face of the
Earth"; — in the name of Him who was
"sent to proclaim Liberty to the Captive
& the opening of the prison to them that
were bound".

Thrice welcome to this ancient Capital
of free Scotland, where during the long
struggle for & for heroic compeers main-
-tained against Slavery, strong hearts
throbbed in sympathy with you, and
where tongues ever true to its principles
even when they were least popular
joined in the plaudits — We celebrated the
downfall of the Slave power in America.

in no place, perhaps, out side of your country, was the thirty years warfare with chattel bondage regarded with more interest, or its happy issue hailed with heartier joy, than in the city of Edinburgh.

And is it not simple truth to say, that your zeal & that of your associates, was inspired by the ardour of our own early reformers in the Anti-Slavery cause. The Providence of God directed the energies of Clarkson & Wilberforce first to the extinction of the African Slave Trade, & then to the overthrow of slavery in the West Indies, could not fail to kindle the generous flame in noble breasts in the United States.

And then of what avail was it to the Slave Power that the mobs of your Eastern cities drove George Thompson from your shores? They did but send him back to renew & intensify the agitation throughout Great Britain, whence every breeze wafted to the ears of the Slaveholders, the remonstrances of your people against their sin. And of what avail was it that the Editor of the "Liberator" was hunted in his own city, like an outlaw by a mob set on the track by "gentlemen of property & standing"; that he was dragged thro' the streets of Boston; restrained of his

personal liberty; subjected to brutal indignities; put in jeopardy of his life; a price put on his head by the Governor of Georgia.[2] Were you not, Sir, thus forced to taste of the bitter cup of which the Slaves daily drank, that you might the more fully answer the demand of your calling — "Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them"; & them to suffer adversity as being yourself also in the body".[2] Was it not in this hard school you were taught & trained for the stern service you were afterwards to render.[2] You were led to the bloody altar of Slavery, but it was not that you should burn there a sacrifice, but that you should swear Eternal hatred to Oppression, and, being delivered thence, return to renew your efforts with redoubled zeal till crowned with victory.

Through years of persecution, of aspersion & ill requited labours, "in perils by your countrymen, in perils in the City, in perils among false brethren: in weariness & painfulness, in watching often, in hunger & thirst" — you have been preserved, upheld, & borne on from conquering to conquer, by that Mighty Power who worketh all in all, & crowns the righteous

to triumph evermore.

Your "Liberator," W^h no human power could crush, no combination suppress, no authority intimidate, forbore to fulminate only then when the last legal vestige of oppression was demolished.

It boldly, proudly "ceased at once to Labour & to Live."

You, Sir, by the blessing of God, survive your Labours, & Death, after so severe & protracted a struggle of physical pestness & mental vigour W^h precludes the thoughts of your being as Eton old man.

We congratulate you on the distinguished success of your laborious life; & we thank God that He has awarded to you, the rare happiness of outliving that system of wrong W^h when you first assailed it seemed to be instinct with the vitality of future centuries.

We congratulate you, honoured Sir, on the approval W^h is at length spontaneously tendered to you, as a philanthropist & Reformer by the people of your own & of other Lands. To this great acclaim we join our hearty tribute.

Of many who now surround you here it may be testified to their credit that they have stood by you in spirit & in

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sympathy throughout your trying career.

Accept Sir, the warm welcome we tender to you, with our Earnest prayers that Heaven's best blessings may attend you to the close of your Earthly life & that Divine Grace may hereafter crown you with glory, honour & immortality. During the days, the many days, we trust, yet to be allotted to you here, you will not cease to cherish a lively interest in the people to whose liberation you have so largely contributed, the 4,000,000 Freedmen in the South.

Their claims for kindly succour in their present necessities, & for the means of Education & moral enlightenment, cannot be denied & will not be forgotten. We venture to assure you that the people of Scotland will not be slow to respond to these claims, We certainly do extend beyond the bounds of your own country. Having borne a humble part in the struggle for Emancipation, we are willing, as we are in duty bound to bear a proportionate part in the work of Education, whereby the Freedmen are to be trained to that Manhood

of which chattel Slavery robbed them.

Suffer us to conclude this address by expressing the conviction that in the future, to which the fame of faithful men, & the memory of true benefactors, may be securely committed, the name of William Lloyd Garrison, the Liberator, will be associated in grateful commemoration, with the name of Abraham Lincoln, the Emancipator.

Signed in name and by appointment of the meeting

Wm Tyler Chairman

Elizabeth Pease Nichol
President of the Brit. & For. Ladies Emancipation Soc.

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